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LAKE, CRAWFORD & CO., 1147 Hongkong, 16th July, 1873.

THE CHRONICLE & DIRECTORY For 1874.

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Daily Press Office, Dec. 2nd, 1873.

The Daily Press.

II. NAKING, DECEMBER 3RD, 1873.

THERE is certainly much force in the objection which our correspondent made in Monday's paper, with respect to the new Ordinance for the erection of lights and beacons. It is always undesirable with regard to practical affairs to adhere too rigidly to abstract principles; and we trust that we shall not be considered guilty of so doing in setting our faces against the invasion of the freedom of Hongkong as a port for shipping. It may perhaps appear almost a farce to talk of the freedom of the Colony, when its trade is subjected to taxes levied by the aid of revenue cruisers, who are busy at both entrances to the harbour; but if light, and beacon dues are to be passed in addition, we may be striking a further very serious blow at the commerce of Hongkong, which at the present time is certainly by me means in the most flourishing condition.

The point which has to be considered is not merely that a tonnage or light due levied from ships coming to Hongkong will be a certain addition to the total charges upon a voyage, as this might be of comparatively little importance; but, in cases of vessels seeking port for repairs, as is often done, it may, and probably will, be quite sufficient to cause them to seek Foochow, Amoy, or other ports in preference to Hongkong. It is true that tonnage dues have to be paid at the Treaty Ports; but it must be borne in mind that they are commuted in the case of coasting steamers, to a lump sum for four months at a time; consequently, to any regular trader, the sum which would have to be paid at Hongkong would not be saved elsewhere. As we have large docks in the Colony, and considerable interests are involved in them, this point ought to be taken into serious consideration, before burdens are imposed which may affect the shipping interests; especially as our correspondent points out, at a time when there are large savings idle in the Treasury. It certainly seems to be carrying a principle to extremes, not to make direct use of a portion of the Special Fund. It was a mistake to raise revenue from gambling, but that having been done, it seems really to be straining at a very small gnat, after we have swallowed a very large camel, to be so now careful that the money shall be spent strictly upon the Chinese. It seems, however, open to question whether this is really being done, as we understand that Police stations are being paid for out of the Special Fund; and if that is the case, it is difficult to see clearly why the other should not be so considered also, especially as it is not considered wrong to borrow.

But there is another strong objection to the measure at present proposed. It is going contrary to all recognised principles to place matters of taxation in the hands of the Executive, uncontrollable by the Legislative Council. Of course, if the sums to be raised were only small fees, this would not be a valid objection; but there is nothing in the draft of the Ordinance to show that they may not be sufficiently large to form an important item in the revenue of the Colony. Such a power ought not certainly to be delegated without very careful reservation to the Executive Council, and it will form a bad precedent if the clause in the Ordinance granting this power be not modified before it is passed. We have no desire to stifle unnecessarily for abstract principles; but few will be found who will not feel that it is going very far towards giving up the control which the Legislative Council is always expected to exercise over the public purse, to give up into the hands of the Executive as much as possible a source of revenue from taxation on commerce. The Colony should not be allowed to avail itself of the same expedient, but the necessary steps should be taken to prevent this.

Something, however, has to be said upon the principle of interfering with the freedom of the Colony from taxation on commerce. It is so tempting a source that if once the Government be allowed to avail themselves of it, there is too much reason to fear that it will be only too largely abused, and from roads from nowhere, and other like fancies, will increase and multiply to an alarming extent. In view of this very probable contingency, it would be well that the Colony should hesitate before it adopts any taxation upon trade, and especially in a form liable to abuse as placing in the hands of the Executive full powers with regard to a tax which might be increased to almost any extent.

It is, we hear, understood that the plan proposed for the levy of dues in the Ordinance now before the Council, is only to be adopted as a means of having something to fall back upon in case the revenue of the Colony should fail; and, if this is clearly settled, probably no serious objection need be raised to the measure. But this ought to be definitely understood, and the Ordinance framed in some way that will clearly set forth the fact, and also make it clear that the present arrangement is not such as can be taken as a precedent for any plan which would deprive the Legislative Council of the right to exercise full control over all matters fairly in the nature of taxation.

The steamer *Chinkiang* and *Thales* left Shanghai on the 1st instant.

We learn by cable that the Colorado (with units from San Francisco, November 1st) left Yokohama on the 1st inst.

H. M. S. *Thalia*, on arriving in port yesterday, saluted the Commodore, and the compliment was returned by H.M.S. *Princess Charlotte*.

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ALLEGED MANSLAUGHTER OF A TICKBORN WITNESS.

Mr. Richard, the Deputy Sheriff, of Midhurst, has sent the Board Room of the West Hall, St. George's-in-the-East, respecting the death of Abraham Bush, aged 33 years, a steward, one of the witnesses who has recently given evidence in the Tickborne trial, who, it was alleged, had died from injuries received in a houseboat at Wapping. Margaret Bush, 10, Great Hornsidge-street, Wapping, stated that the deceased was her husband. On Wednesday evening, when Sheriff Bush, his son, and his counsel were in the room, he said he had known Bush well in Mr. Bush's time, and that he had been a man named Henry Wilshire, who fell upon him, and that he had received his death blow. He then went to bed, where he remained until Tuesday, 7th Oct., when witness, seeing that he was in a dying state, applied to the parish doctor, but he not arriving, also sent to Mr. Wood, who was quickly at the scene, and prescribed for him; but about 6 o'clock in the evening he died. He complained of much pain in his chest, where he said he had been struck. Henry Wilshire, after being duly cautioned by the coroner, to whom he stated would use no evidence against him, said that on the night in question he went into Mr. Ross's beerhouse for some beer, when he saw the deceased standing in front of the bar, when, in taking into account the deceased's conduct, what he thought of the plaintiff now, to which witness replied, "I never thought much of him, or his Wapping 'witnesses either." The deceased then squared up to him in a fighting attitude, and was about to strike him in the face, when witness gave him a push and fell backwards down a step, so witness falling upon him, and before he could recover himself, the deceased struck him in the head. Witness then separated, when the deceased challenged him outside to fight, but he got out of the way and went home. John Ross, the housekeeper referred to, confirmed in the main points the evidence of the last witness. Mr. Edmund Wood, surgeon, stated that he found no external marks of violence on the deceased, except a slight bruise over the eye, as if it had been hit. Upon inquiry, he said that in his examination he found the heart in a diseased state, and considered that a very little would kill a man under those circumstances. On opening the head a very large quantity of serum escaped, which led him to believe the cause of death to be apoplexy, which fighting and excitement would accelerate. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.—*Daily News.*

THE TICKBORN TRIAL.

(*Daily Telegraph.*)

John Moore, Roger Tickborne's old valet, was in attendance yesterday in the lobby, and his appearance in the box was expected with considerable interest. He was not, however, called; and the day's proceedings were limited to the examination of four witnesses, the cross-examination of one of whom stands over for to-day. Mr. Woodcock, who was first called, is a private antique-dealer at Worcester, but is at present 1550, and resides at a villa at a place called Flamborough, three miles distant from Melbourne. At Flamborough he was a shepherd, kept by a Mr. Murray, and in that yard, in charge of a drove of cattle, Mr. Woodcock, being there on business, met a man called Arthur Orion—tall, awkwardly-built fellow, about 5 feet 6 inches in height, with light-colored hair, high cheekbones, and large prominent features, somewhat disreputable habits, had Arthur Orion. He was a short, what is found in Australia a "pawnee," having a wobbly neck of a defant and semi-uncouth character, going about from store to store in quest of liquor, using language of an objectionable tone and tendency, and as associating with gentlemen of whom it was notorious that they regarded honest labour and avocation and work not all particular to the trade as beneath contempt. Unhappily, Mr. Orion mysteriously disappeared, and a horse belonging to a Mr. Blair disappeared at the same time. It was considered that Orion might probably have been able to explain the coincidence; but no more was ever seen of him; the explanation was never forthcoming. "Do you remember Orion's appearance?" asked Dr. Kennedy. "Yes; I do. He was a tall, look at this gentleman, like the Orion of old, you know, on there?" "If he is, he has altered very much," he said. "Not a bit," was the emphatic rejoinder. So ended the evidence of Mr. Woodcock, and to him succeeded a come-by-lady, one Mrs. Ann Mines, who deposed that in the year 1838 she had been in the service of Lady Louisa at Alresford. She left it for Liverpool, and was in London, in 1848, at Lady Derby's residence, when she became again to her old allegiance, and once again became a housemaid at Tickborne House. She had consequently had many opportunities of seeing young Mr. Roger, and she had a very distinct recollection of him. More especially, she remembered an occasion upon which she had met him and his companion along together, and Roger—probably "out" as he was—had struck her with the face with his whip. Nor was this all. Mrs. Mines also stated that the said son Roger and his cousin alone together, both riding and walking, not in the park merely, but outside it—"in the great lanes." She had seen Roger building a miniature bridge for his cousin—"child's play," Mrs. Mines thought it—across the brook which ran outside the park; and she had also seen the two coming together on their way to Cheltenham. Mrs. Mines also said that Roger came into the kitchen to wash his hands, after shooting or fishing; she had helped him to roll up his sleeves, and she had never noticed anything at all like a tattoo-mark upon his arms. "What is this gentleman?" asked Dr. Kennedy, pointing to the defendant. "Sir Roger Tickborne," was the reply; and having by this time well broken the ice, Mrs. Mines went on to say that he was a Christian-living man, and that he was a good man, for nothing come of his own accord, with an honourable principle and not for filthy lucre."

Dr. Kennedy called Captain Sunkey, whose evidence at the last trial is, or ought to be familiar to all those who have at all followed the case. Captain Sunkey is not a Carabinier, but a retired naval officer, resident near Cheltenham, and an uncle of the Captain Morton who was tried for the murder of his son. When the regiment was quartered at Cheltenham, Captain Sunkey saw Roger Tickborne frequently, and knew him well. "I see him now in court," said he. "There he is;" and so Captain Sunkey went on to describe how the moment that he first saw the defendant in the office of Messrs. Butler, Rose, and Norton, he had recognised him as the Roger Tickborne of his boyhood. Captain Sunkey and his son, however, had been in the same regiment, and their acquaintance had been confirmed by the defendant's knowledge of Captain Morton, Captain Sunkey's nephew, and his recognition of a photograph of that gentleman; by his recollection of the "rough-hewed" horse, which Captain Morton used to ride, and of a certain Rev. Mr. James Morton, who was "a bit of a bight," and of Miss Smith, who kept shop opposite the church, and had a great many customers. In short, Captain Sunkey went on to say that the tenor of his evidence was to the effect that the Claimant displayed military manners, had been carefully coached up, and that the famous rough-hewed horse of Captain Morton's, which he remembered as well, had actually been bought by the captain until within a few months past. This evidence will be found in the *Times*, and for those who have the patience to follow it step by step, peculiarly interesting.

The last witness examined was Mr. George Bingley, an old gentleman of eighty years, but who—his snow-white hair and beard alone excepted, and perhaps a slight want of power in his voice—might have passed muster for sixty, or even less. In 1852-4 Mr. Bingley was a student at the Royal Academy, and was a pupil of Mr. Williams' orthography. Price: £1.50. Nearly bound. Apply at the *Daily Press* Office.

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WING-KEE COAL SHOP.

The Proprietor of Wing-Kee Shop begs to inform the public that his Shop has been established since 1855, at Elliott's Lane, and that he has always a great quantity of BEST BITUMEN COAL in store. Gentlemen and Shiptoners who wish to patronise us, are requested to apply at his Shop.

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PROOF-READING.

Few persons outside of printing offices know the importance of proof-reading; but, after it is the general review of proofs after it is typeset, for the purpose of removing the wrong letters. For example, in evidently swarled marriage notice is handed in, which ought to read as follows:

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Extracts.

EPITAPHS.
(From "Epitaphia; or, the Curiosities of Churchyard Literature.")

Bath Abbey is to be found the following gentle piece of satire:

These walls, adorned with monumental busts
Show how Bath waters serve to lay the dust.

A couplet which rounds us of the Chol-

tenham epitaph:

Here lies I and my three daughters,
Killed by drinking Choltenham water;
Had we stuck to Epsom salts,
We'd not been lying in these 'ere vaults.

On an Amorous Man:

At rest beneath this churchyard stone
This gallant Henry Wynt;

He died one morning just at ten, and

Saved a dinner for me.

From a Welsh Churchyard:

Life is an iron o' market-day:

Some short-puff'd pilgrims break-fall and

away;

Sure do I humor stay, and get full fed,

And others after sugar star to be had;

Lungs are the bills who linger out the day,

The shortest stars have the least to pay.

Some years since a Mr. Dickson, who was
prowest of Dundee, in Scotland, died, and by

will left the sum of one guinea to a person to

compose an epitaph upon him which sum

he directed his three executors to pay. The

executors, thinking to "deafend the poet,"

agreed to met and share the guinea amongst

them, each contributing a line to the epitaph,

which ran thus—

First—Here lies Dickson, Prowest of Dundee.

Second—Here lies Dickson, Here lies he.

The third was put to it for a long time,

but unwilling to lose his share of the guinea,

vociferously bawled out—

Hallelujah—hallojeh—

From Maribull Churchyard:

Remember me is you pass by.

As you are now so once was I.

As I am now, so you may be.

Therefore prepare to follow me.

Underneath these lines some one wrote in

blue paint—

To follow you I'm outlast,

Unless I know which way you went.

From Houghton Churchyard, Hunts:

My sledges and bannister lie declined;

My bells, too, have lost their wind;

My fire is spent, my forge decay'd;

My coat is worn, my cap all foul;

My ribs are bare, my work is done;

My fire-dried corse here lies at rest;

My soul, smoke-like, soon to be lost.

On an Italian:

I was well,

Wished to be better,

Took physic and died!

On a London Cook:

Puts to his hashes;

meaning of course,

Peace to his ashes.

From a tombstone in Ireland:

Here lies the body of John Mound.

Lies at rest & never found.

From a Cemetery near Cincinnati:

Here lies—

who came to this city and died

for the benefit of his health.

From an Irish Churchyard:

Patrick O'Brien was one day strolling

with a friend through a graveyard, when he

was arrested by an epitaph which shew-

ed his sense of propriety and veracity; it

thus—

Weep not for me, my children dear;

I am not dead, but sleeping here.

"Well," said Paddy, "if I was dead

I should be honest enough to own it."

From a Scotch Graveyard:

Her big inter'd a man o' micht;

His name was Malcolm Duncie;

He lost his life, as market night;

By fair' off his gowrie.

From Up-ton-Seyern, Gloucestershire:

Beneath this stone, in hopes of Zion,

Death lie the hindmost of the living.

His sons took on the business still,

Resigned unto the heavenly will.

An advertisement: this is very good,

but the American epitaph, on Mrs. Smith,

does the advertising business more effectively.

Here lies Mrs. Smith, wife of T. C. Smith,

middle-aged: this monument was erected by

her husband as a tribute to her memory and a

specimen of his work. Monuments of the same

style, 25 dollars.

From Caermarthen Churchyard:

The Old must go, we all agree;

So must the young. We all say so.

Repose in time and sole for Grace.

This world is no abiding place.

From the same place: On Thomas

Ruggles, whatever else—

Having served for many

You're the royal navy,

He spent his later years

In the costing trade.

From Wrexham Churchyard:

Born in America, in Europe bred,

In Africa travel'd, and in Asia wed.

From Byford Churchyard:

As you are in health, and spirits gay,

I was, too, the other day;

I thought myself of life as safe

As those that read my epitaph.

From Wrexham Churchyard:

Here lies five babes and children dear—

Three at Usweter, and two here.

Women sometimes wish for an opportunity to be revenged on their husbands. As an example of this we may relate that the wife of a man named Baldwin, of Lympstone, Hampshire, had made a vow "to dance over his grave"—they had not lived happily together. To defeat her designs Baldwin left special instructions that his body should sink in the sea in Scratfield's Bay, off the Needles, Isle of Wight; and it appears his body was so disposed of on the 20th May, 1786, as the postcock register of Lympstone records.

THE CHINIANESE IN AMERICA.

If ever there is a study which repays one, it

is to learn of this curious people, who transplanted from their native health, are trying

in this foreign land to preserve the customs

of their country. Meeting with many diffi-

culties, suffering much, working hard, they

still succeed in maintaining their "Joss

House," their own theatre, and in not mixing

at all with the white race. There are, at present, more than twelve thousand in San Francisco. Although there are large monthly arrivals, the demand for their labour in the country keeps the average very nearly

the figures stated. They swarm in the

section around Sacramento Street, and are scattered throughout the city. For the most part, they are sober, kind, and submissive, and in certain places they are exceedingly valuable as servants. It is the custom here to have a Chinaman as chambermaid; and your cook is "John," who—arrayed in neat blue tunic, with pigtail, black and neatly braided, reaching to the heel of his thick, cork-soled slippers, and whose big trousers at least hide ungraceful legs—goes about his work without bluster, and sends to your table dishes exquisitely prepared. Your dinner is served by a "little John," in tune as white as snow; and your garden is tended by another, in a hut so large, that, looking down upon it, you see no "John," or anything else save bamboo, banded into a peculiar shape. The Chinese have monopolised the laundry business, and in this they excel. You see around the city little signs over little doors in little buildings, upon which is printed "High Lang, Washing and Ironing"; "Hup Lee, Quon Leo," "Hi Boo" or "Lo Chung," either one of whom will come for your linen, and return it in a short time nicely prepared, and at

very low prices. Chinese servants quit without notice, or without giving any reason, for so doing; but, aside from this, the large majority of them are faithful at their work, quick in learning, and exceedingly neat. They are addicted to gambling; but there is the only fair game that I can know to be practised for this purpose. It is simply this: A grave-looking Chinaman stands the centre, at the head of a long table, before him, a large heap of chits or chips, round, with hole in the centre, a condition of these being up, and laid flat, near the centre of the table. Upon the top of the chips sits the banker, who now wagers something from his bank-book, for fifty cents—that there is either an odd or even number in the heap. Some one of the crowd now wagers as much money as the banker against him. The experience of the Chinaman, long before, they are drawn away, will detect whether the number is odd or even, and so whether he has won or lost. This causes a general talk in a most animated manner, after the games are closed, the patrons of the establishment settle for their checks. The banker would seem to have no advantage, save a small fee which is charged for the privilages of the house; and, if people are to be believed, the plan of the Chinaman is highly recommended. It is by far fairer that the modes adopted and practised in that great den at Saratoga, or at any other gambling-table, if I may rightly inform you, who have been there.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date, and until further notice, a Premium of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon our usual local rates of Premium, will be returned on Insurances against Fire, stored with this Office.

EDWARD NORTON & CO., Agents, 1174, 25th June, 1872.

PHOENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents to the above Company at this port,

to grant Policies against Fire, or

Goods stored, etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc.,

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